

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: REINHARD PANTKE ET AL.

Serial No.: (To Be Assigned)

Group Art Unit: (To Be Assigned)

Filed: October 6, 2003

Examiner: (To Be Assigned)

Title: **DOOR LOCK ASSEMBLY FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE AND
METHOD OF MAKING SAME**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE

The relevance of German Reference Nos. DE 196 49 905 A1 and DE 298 22 913 U1 to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the Background and Summary of the Invention in the specification of the present invention.

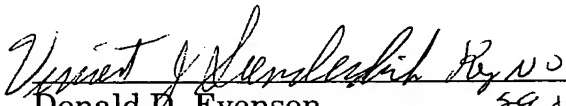
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (1) no later than three months from the application's filing date or (2) before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later), and therefore no certification under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is required.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

If necessary, the paper should be considered as a petition for consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)(2) and that the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)(3) should be charged to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket 028987.52517US).

Respectfully submitted,

October 6, 2003


Donald D. Evenson
Registration No. 26,160

CROWELL & MORING, LLP
P.O. Box 14300
Washington, DC 20044-4300
Telephone No.: (202) 624-2500
Facsimile No.: (202) 628-8844
DDE:alw

FORM PTO-1449 U.S. Department of Commerce Patent & Trademark Office	Attorney Docket No. 028987.52517US	Serial No. (To Be Assigned)
Applicants: Reinhard PANTKE et al.		
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT <i>(Use several sheets if necessary)</i>	Filing Date October 6, 2003	Group (To Be Assigned)

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub-Class	Filing Date (if appropriate)
	AA	3,405,539	10/15/1968	Tanaka	64	11	06/13/1966
	AB	5,356,340	10/18/1994	Miller et al.	464	87	02/24/1993
	AC						
	AD						
	AE						
	AF						
	AG						
	AH						
	AI						
	AJ						

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub-Class	TRANSLATION	
							Yes	No
	AK	DE 196 49 905	04/06/1998	Genesi			Abstract	
	AL	DE 298 22 913	08/17/2000	Rieder				
	A M							
	AN							
	AO							
	AP							

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

	AQ						
	AR						
	AS						

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication.